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| NEW START  offered at Kingsborough Community College | | |
| ARE YOU A  STUDENT WHO…? | **PROGRAM OVERVIEW** | |
| * Tried college? * Was dismissed? * Has made changes and feels ready to try again? | New Start is an amazing opportunity for students who experienced difficulty in college. Kingsborough is the only CUNY with a New Start program.  Students who transfer through New Start are admitted with good academic standing.  **New Start offers:**   * A chance to start over with a neutral “0.0” GPA. * Previous GPA will not factor into new grades earned through New Start. * Individualized advising with a New Start advisor. * Extra support through the New Start program to address issues, make changes, and do better the second time around.   **How New Start is different from transferring or regular admissions:**   * If a student starts college, experiences difficulty, and gets dismissed with below a 2.0 average, the college transcript is permanent. Dismissed students cannot enroll in other colleges as a freshman. There is, essentially, no starting over. * All 4-year colleges, and most 2-year CUNYs, require at least a 2.0 for transfer applicants. * Some 2-year colleges honor “forgiveness policies”. Dismissed students must sit out for a semester, and then may apply as a transfer student, even with a GPA below 2.0. Once admitted, however, the student’s previous GPA is averaged into the student’s new semester grades. * This puts transfer students readmitted with below a 2.0 at **HIGH RISK** for academic probation and dismissal a second time. * The grades from a New Start student’s previous transcript are NOT factored into and do not drag down new grades grades earned at Kingsborough. * New Start is the only program in New York City that forgives previous grades, offers needed support, and actually gives students the opportunity of a “fresh start”. | |
| ADMISSIONS &  ELIGIBILITY |
| * Attended some college * Below a 2.0 GPA AND/OR not passed the CUNY placement test at a 4-year college within required time (1 year) * US citizen or perm. resident * Prior college must be partner college *(see list on flip side)* |
| APP PROCESS  & TIMELINE |
| Fall: Feb. 1  Spring: Sept. 15  *Same as CUNY app – follow same schedule, be ahead of deadlines*   1. Contact New Start to discuss your situation, your goals, and the application process. 2. Depending on timing, you may need to complete a CUNY App online as a transfer student, or in person at New Start. 3. Sign up for a mandatory information session. 4. Request transcript from previous college. *Colleges will not release transcripts to students with holds on their records, including bills.* 5. Complete FAFSA. 6. Bring paperwork to info session. Counselors meet with you to finish applying. 7. CUNY placement test as needed. 8. Be proactive and follow up. New Start spots are LIMITED. 9. Registration with your advisor. |
| **KEY INSIDER INFORMATION** | |
| **The “new start” offered is ONLY AS GOOD AS YOU MAKE IT:**   * Returning students need the support to make changes, which can be hard work. * Students who return to college and do not reach out for, and take advantage of, supports run the risk of repeating their previous experience in college. * Supports students often need to use include: talking at least 3 times a semester, if not more with their New Start advisor. * Meeting with professors for clarification and extra help. * Using tutoring, the writing center, or getting accommodations for learning disabilities. * Talking with a counselor about stress at home, in relationships, or outside of school. * Balancing schoolwork with other responsibilities.   **Proprietary colleges may be an easy option, but not the BEST option:**   * For-profit institutions accept any transfer applicant. There are no eligibility requirements, which comes as a relief to frustrated students feeling shut out of college options. * These institutions can be very expensive and often counsel students to take out huge loans to attend. Do a financial comparison with the cost of CUNY first. * Often credits earned through proprietary college associates programs do not transfer to CUNY, state, or private 4-year colleges. | |
| NEW START PG. 2 | | |
| LINKS | **FAQs** | |
| HOME:  <http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/pages/newstart.aspx>  ELIGIBILITY:  <http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/newstart/Pages/newstart_eligibility.aspx>  APPLY:  <http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/newstart/Pages/newstart_application.aspx>  FAQs:  <http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/newstart/Pages/newstartfaq.aspx>  SUCCESS STORY:  <http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/pages/newstart.aspx> | **1. What are the colleges students need to have attended prior to applying to New Start?** | |
| *Adelphi University Baruch College Brooklyn College City College College of Staten Island Hofstra University Hunter College John Jay College of Criminal Justice Lehman College LIU Brooklyn LIU Post Medgar Evers College Monroe College New York City College of Technology* | *New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) Polytechnic Institute of NYU  Queens College St. Francis College St. John's University St. Joseph's College  SUNY Buffalo State College  SUNY Cobleskill SUNY Maritime College  SUNY Stony Brook University  SUNY Potsdam SUNY Old Westbury York College* |
| **2. If I was academically dismissed from a 4-year college, am I eligible for New Start?**   * Yes, if the college you attended is on the list of partner colleges above. * If you attended a college not on this list, you may be eligible to apply as a transfer student to a 2-year CUNY. Many state a 2.0 minimum GPA for transfer students but it is worth calling admissions to discuss forgiveness policies, including KCC.   **3. If I was academically dismissed from a 2-year college, am I eligible for New Start?**   * No. *This includes KCC, if you attended KCC, you cannot apply to New Start.*   **4. What should I bring to the info session to be prepared to complete the app process?**   * Official transcript (in sealed envelope sent from college) from previous college * Official high school transcript IF student has earned below 24 college credits * $70 check or money order made out to UAPC (if you did not complete CUNY app)   **3. What if I want to do New Start but not at Kingsborough?**   * Kingsborough may not be a convenient location for all students. However, Kingsborough is THE ONLY college to offer a program like New Start, so if you want to be back in college, with your old GPA potentially dead forever, just go.     **7. Can I do New Start and transfer with my new and improved GPA?**   * No. Students’ previous GPA is null and void only for those students who stay and earn their associate’s from KCC. * If you are accepted to New Start, do well for a semester or two, and want to transfer, your old GPA will factor into your overall grades.   **8. I did earn credits. Do they transfer?**   * Yes. Discuss your official transcript with your New Start advisor. Max 30 credits. | |
| ALUMNI  TO TALK TO | **CONTACT INFORMATION** | |
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